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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - SEPT 21

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT AND NEGATIVE.

-- IZVESTIYA LEAD COMMENTARY ON "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY"  
BEGINS WARSAW PACT PORTION WITH STATEMENT THAT "COUNTRIES  
OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, COORDINATING THEIR INTERNATIONAL  
EFFORTS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE OF STATE-PARTICIPANTS IN THE WARSAW PACT,  
ACHIEVE MORE AND MORE NEW SUCCESSES IN WORLD ARENA."  
THIS IS THIRD GRATUITOUS MENTION OF LONG-DORMANT PCC  
IN RECENT WEEKS.

-- PRESS PLAY IN PRAVDA ON USTINOV VISIT TO POLAND  
AND ORDER OF GRUNWALD NOTEWORTHY FOR JOINT STATEMENT  
LINE THAT "MILITARY-POLITICAL ALLIANCE" OF WP WILL  
BE FORTIFIED AS LONG AS NATO PERSISTS AND WESTERN  
MILITARIST CIRCLES CONDUCT ARMS RACE, AND FOR GIEREK'S  
KIND WORDS ON "INTERNATIONALIST" SOVIET FOREIGN  
POLICY AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY.

-- CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S AFRICA  
TRIP IS LIGHT IN VOLUME, CRITICAL IN TONE, WITH MOST  
CRITICISM, HOWEVER, BEING ATTRIBUTED TO AFRICAN PRESS  
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OR LEADERS. ALONG THESE LINES, PRAVDA HAS TASS  
ROUNDUP, TITLED "PLOT AGAINST AFRICA," FROM VARIOUS  
AFRICAN CAPITALS. IZVESTIYA'S "PRESS-SERVICE" ACCOUNT  
IS SLIGHTLY MORE DIRECT, BUT STILL RELIES ON DILUTIVE  
FORMULA, E.E., "A WIRE SERVICES REPORT" "IN OPINION  
OF PRESS," ETC.

-- PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY N. KUDRYUMOV

LISTS IMPORTANT SUBJECTS FOR UNGA CONSIDERATION:  
DISARMAMENT, SPECIFICALLY, MDW, CTB, NUF; SOUTHERN  
AFRICA; MIDDLE EAST; KOREA; VIETNAM AND SEYCHELLES  
UN MEMBERSHIP.

-- PRAVDA ALSO HASS TASS-LONDON STORY ON CANCELLA-  
TION OF CONFERENCE OF WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC  
WORKERS BECAUSE OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSAL TO GIVE  
SOME DELEGATES VISAS. THIS NOT IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI  
FINAL ACT, STORY SAYS.

-- PRAVDA HAS SHORT TASS-STOCKHOLM ITEM ON SOCIAL  
DEMOCRAT LOSS IN SWEDISH ELECTIONS AND PALME'S  
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RESIGN, OFFERS NO COMMENTARY.

-- LEBANESE EVENTS RECEIVE ROUTINE COVERAGE  
EXCEPT FOR "PRESS-SERVICE 'IZVESTIYA'" DESCRIPTION OF  
MANNER IN WHICH RIGHTIST-CHRISTIAN FORCES MIGHT  
PREVENT CONVOCAION OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT WHICH WOULD  
THUS HINDER SARKIS' ACCESSION TO OFFICE.

-- IZVESTIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MEXICO  
CITY R. TUCHNIN WRITES AN ANTI-U.S. PIECE ON  
PANAMANAIN GOVERNMENT'S COMPLAINT TO U.S. CONCERNING  
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS-TOKYO ITEM CITING THE  
JAPANESE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER AKAHATA CRITICIZING THE  
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF "DEPENDENCE" IN ITS  
HANDLING OF THE "SOVIET PLANE" (UNNAMED). THE  
JAPANESE PERMISSION FOR U.S. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TO  
TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION WAS "ABNORMAL", SAID  
AKAHATA. THE TASS ITEM ALSO CITED A SOHIO STATEMENT  
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THAT THIS PERMISSION UNDERMINES JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY,  
IS NOT IN JAPAN'S INTEREST AND IS AN OBSTACLE TO  
GOOD JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. U.S. COVERAGE LIGHT AND, AS USUAL, NEGATIVE:

-- BOTH PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE CARTOONS SHOWING U.S.  
MONEY POURING INTO ARMS OF ISRAELI MILITARY. KZ ALSO  
PRINTS TASS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON DENOUNCING INCREASED  
MILITARY EXPENDITURES FOR FY 1978 ANNOUNCED BY SECDEF  
RUMSFELD AT PRESS CONFERENCE. ALSO NOTED IS NYT  
SUGGESTION THAT ACTUAL AMOUNT MAY REACH \$130 BILLION.  
STRONG ISSUE TAKEN WITH RUMSFELD'S CITATION OF  
"SOVIET THREAT", SAID TO BE USED TO GET INCREASED  
MILITARY EXPENDITURES THROUGH CONGRESS.

-- PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA AND KZ GIVE IDENTICAL REPORTS  
ON PAGE ONE OF HARRIMAN MEETING, AT HIS REQUEST, WITH  
BREZHNEV, MEETING TOOK PLACE IN FRANK AND FRIENDLY  
SPIRIT.  
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